

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Ser. No.	09/996,061	Group Art Unit:	3731
Title:	Stent Including Human or Animal Tissue		
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed 28 June 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - None.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 10.